

### Will I be interviewed?

If the fingerprint check reveals any questions around your identity, these queries will be resolved through an interview. However, this will not routinely be required.

### When will Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals be issued?

Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals will start to be issued from November 2008. Their issue will be introduced by immigration leave type with a small number of categories initially, then extending to cover all successful further leave applicants by 2011.

### CONTACT US

The address to send the application to is printed on the form, which can be found at:  
[www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/revisedflrms\\_april08](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/revisedflrms_april08)

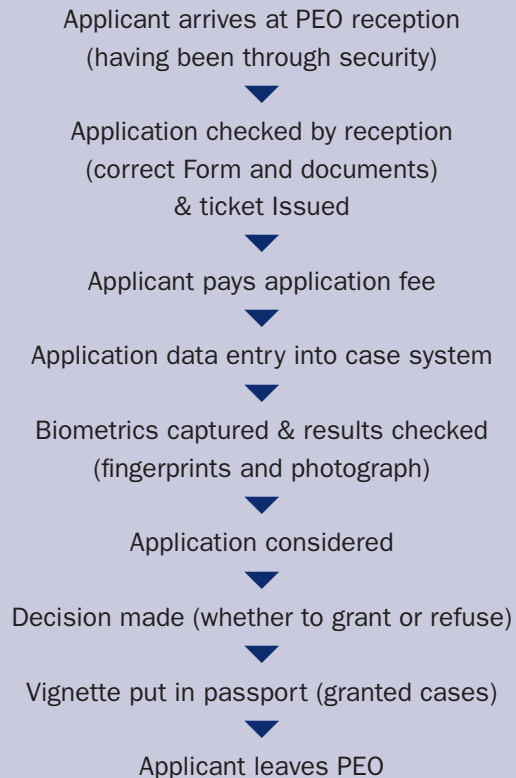
For further information please log on to:  
[www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)

Or call the Immigration and Enquiries Bureau on  
0870 606 7766



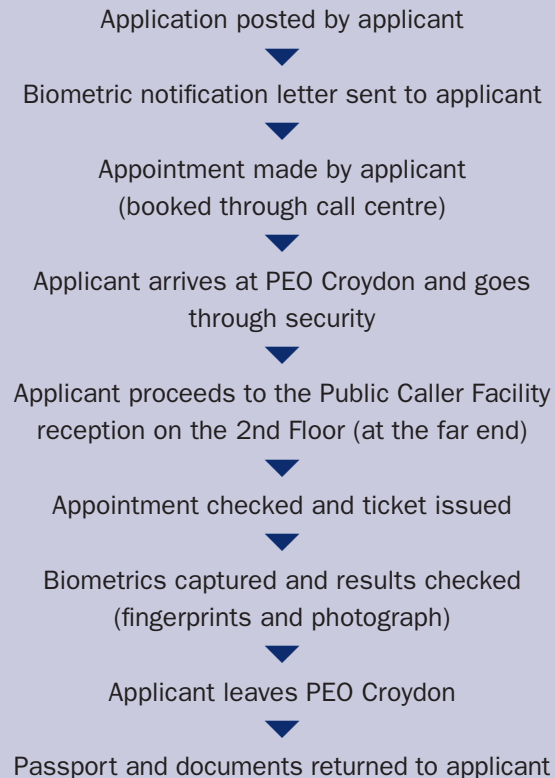
### OVERVIEW OF PREMIUM APPLICATION PROCESS

#### Premium Applications



### OVERVIEW OF POSTAL APPLICATION PROCESS

#### Postal Applications



## IDENTITY CARDS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

**Pilot Process**  
(April 2008 – November 2008)

**This pamphlet provides you with information about the pilot process that the UK Border Agency (UKBA) are currently undertaking to test and assess the technology and enrolment process for foreign nationals applying for leave to remain in the UK. The pilot covers applications by post (from selected London postcodes) and premium applications made at the Croydon Public Enquiry Office (PEO), from students and those applying on the basis of marriage or partnership.**

#### **What are Biometrics?**

A person's biometric details are a physical or biological characteristic that are unique to an individual, such as fingerprints, facial image, DNA, Iris and vocal recognition, to name a few.

For the purpose of the pilot a facial image and 10 fingerprints will be captured.

#### **Why is a pilot taking place?**

The pilot is testing UKBA's technology and enrolment process for rolling out identity cards in November 2008.

#### **How long will the pilot run for?**

- The pilot started on 28th April for sole adult applicants applying for leave to remain (without dependants).
- The pilot for those making an application with dependants and for those under 18 will start on 16th June. The pilot for those who apply by post will continue until 25th July.
- The pilot for those who apply for leave to remain in person at the PEO in Croydon will continue until the start of the main rollout in November 2008.

#### **Who are providing Biometrics for the 'Pilot'?**

The pilot applies to foreign nationals, subject to

immigration control, who are making applications for leave to remain as a student or based on marriage, civil partnership or as an unmarried partner under the immigration rules. It will only apply to those applications made in person at the Croydon PEO or, where the person applies by post, if they reside at one of the designated London postcode areas (E1 – 18; EC1 – 4; N1 – 22; NW1 – 11; SE1 – 28; SW1 – 20; W1 – 14; WC1 – 2).

#### **Why did you select Croydon for the PEO and London Postcodes for the pilot?**

Postal applicants affected by the pilot will need to travel to Croydon to enrol their biometric identifiers. This is because the accommodation and equipment is already available in Croydon. Therefore, the postcodes chosen for the pilot are those within reasonable travelling times to Croydon.

#### **Why do I need to give my biometrics as part of my application?**

Using advances in identity technology, such as biometrics, UKBA are able to have a more robust immigration process, helping to protect the identities of genuine applicants and with the rollout of cards making it easier for individuals to prove their identity, immigration status and entitlements in the UK. Knowing who people are is fundamental to the delivery of the UKBA core business to verify the identity of its applicants. With this change, individuals will be locked into a single identity which will help UKBA to tackle immigration abuse, reduce illegal working and identity fraud.

#### **How long does it take to capture biometrics?**

It is estimated that the biometric enrolment process will take 5-10 minutes. There will then be a short wait for the comparison with the database(s); the Service

Level Agreement with Immigration Fingerprint Bureau is for a maximum wait of 30 minutes but in most cases it is expected to be much less.

#### **What happens if I refuse to supply my biometric data?**

If a postal applicant fails to book an appointment to provide their biometrics, as notified in the biometric letter, their application will be rejected. If they fail to attend their appointment or refuse to provide their biometrics then their application for leave to remain may be refused.

If a premium applicant refuses to provide their biometrics then their application for leave to remain may be refused.

#### **Why do I need to be fingerprinted again when I gave my biometrics overseas as part of my visa/entry clearance application?**

We need to verify that an individual applying in-country for leave to remain is the same person who applied for the visa overseas and who came through the UK Border.

#### **What will happen to my biometrics after the pilot?**

They will be retained on the existing finger print database.

#### **Will I be issued with an Identity Card if I participate in this pilot?**

No. As the pilot is intended to test the IT and processes associated with collecting biometrics, if we grant leave to remain, we will issue a vignette (sticker) as we do for other applicants.

#### **Will I have to pay additional fees?**

No, your fee remains the same. ►